# CORRESPONDENCE AND ACCOUNTS

RELATING TO THE

DIFFERENT OCCASIONS ON WHICH MEASURES WERE TAKEN

FOR THE

# RELIEF OF THE PEOPLE

SUFFERING FROM

# SCARCITY IN IRELAND,

BETWEEN THE YEARS 1822 and 1839.

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# MEMORANDUM.

EARLY in the year 1822, a representation was received from the Irish Government respecting the distress, then prevailing in the western and south-western districts of Ireland.

One thousand tons of potatoes were procured from Scotland, and 400 tons of seed potatoes were purchased at Liverpool and sent to Ireland.

In 1831 distress again prevailed.

Potatoes were purchased in Jersey and Guernsey, at a cost of about 1600*l.*, and sent to Ireland at the disposal of the Lord-Lieutenant.

Early in the year 1831 Parliament sanctioned the issue of an advance of 50,000*l.* for local and temporary relief in Ireland, but as that Parliament was dissolved before an Act was passed for giving legal effect to the resolution, the money could not then be issued.

As an immediate means of alleviating the distress, the Treasury authorized in June, 1831, the advance of 11,000*l.*, from the Commissariat Chest in Dublin, for the purpose of giving employment to the poor of Mayo and Galway in the formation of roads.

At this time, also, Sir John Hill, (a Commissioner of the Navy,) was employed under secret and confidential orders from the Government to procure and distribute (I believe in concert with the Comptroller of the Coast guard, Mr. Dombraiu, and Deputy Commissary-General Haines, then in charge of the Commissariat in Ireland,) under the directions of the Lord Lieutenant, various supplies, which were accordingly supplied out of funds advanced by the Victualling Board, to the extent of about 15,000*l.*

By a vote of Parliament, of 1st September, 1831, 40,000*l.* was granted for relief of distresses in Ireland, and the above sum was repaid out of the grant.

An Account Current is annexed, showing the application of this vote.
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In August, 1835, relief was given by an issue of 3000*l.*, in consequence of the depressed state of the poor in the western districts of Ireland; the actual expenditure, however, amounted to something less, 2518*l.*, which was charged to civil contingencies.

A detailed and interesting Report from the Irish Government, of the distress then prevailing is annexed.
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In July, 1836, Sir John Hill was again employed on a special mission for the relief of the distressed peasantry in Ireland, and by a minute of the 14th of that month, 1000*l.* was issued to him upon account. A further sum of 1000*l.* was issued to him in August following.

This money was expended in the purchase of oatmeal, and the annexed Papers show the application of the relief.

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On this occasion a further sum of 2518*l.* was expended by Mr. Dombrain, under the direction of the Irish Government, for the relief of the distress in Donegal.

In 1837 relief was again given upon the representation of the Irish Government.

Meal and potatoes were procured, and distributed in the county of Donegal by Mr. Dombrain, at a cost of about 2230*l.*; on this occasion a part of the supplies issued was sold at reduced prices, and the actual burthen on the public was thus reduced to about 930*l.*

In 1839 Captain Chads, of the Royal Navy, was employed, under special directions, for the relief of the distress in Ireland; and the total expenditure this year amounted to about 2150*l.*

A printed Paper, entitled "Principles to be attended to in the distribution of the money granted to alleviate the scarcity which at present prevails in some districts of Ireland," drawn up by a Board in the year 1822, containing some useful hints, is also herewith.

5th November, 1845. T. A.

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THE present local scarcity that prevails in parts of Ireland, differs from famines in general, and suggests (in some respects,) a different course of proceeding in the efforts to mitigate its severity.

In general, there are but two resources in famine,—economy and multiplication of food.

The former, though at all times important, is not so essential in the present case (save only in one article, potatoes), because there is a superabundance of provisions in general throughout the country, though unequally dispersed.

The multiplication of food in the districts where scarcity prevails, ought in general to be sought from our internal resources. Importation would aggravate another calamity, "a depressed market," and thus perhaps disappoint the importer's speculation also.

The difficulties in the way of multiplying food, or procuring supplies in the distressed districts, seem to be chiefly two.

1st. Want of money and general impoverishment (more or less) of all classes.

2nd. The ignorance and prejudices of many of the lower orders, and the local disturbances.

If those two difficulties were out of the way, the markets would find their level. The object of all should be to bring things as nearly as possible to this their natural state.

The pecuniary aid proposed to be afforded by Government, will mitigate the first difficulty.

Wherever difficulties of a local nature, or connected with the present disturbances, obstruct the transit of provisions, they ought to be immediately pointed out to Government, that all practicable measures may be adopted to remove them.

To the general rule of not encouraging importation, there may be an exception, namely, potatoes, as in point of fact, there may be a scarcity of that article, on an average of the whole island.

And with respect to this article, the most rigid economy must be exercised; it should as far as possible be interdicted as food in the distressed districts during the ensuing three weeks, and reserved for seed.

Every inducement should be held out for the cultivation of potatoes in those quarters.

The modes best adapted in each particular district will occur to the managers on the spot, but it is obvious that until an adequate supply of other food is procured, all efforts to accomplish this object must fail.

In every artificial interference with the regular order of Providence and Society, evil will be mixed with good: it is the necessity of the case that can alone justify the interference at all.

The utmost vigilance must be exercised to reduce the evil inseparably connected with the best meant endeavours, as much as possible, and to this end some general principles are obviously necessary to be attended to:—

1st. To avoid as much as possible gratuitous distribution.

2nd. As far as practicable to relieve the poor by employment.

3rd. For this purpose to combine utility in the work with the employment as far as possible; but still to make the employment of the poor, rather than the accomplishment of the work, the object; to prefer small local undertakings, and those that would not be otherwise carried on, to those on a great scale, or which would be certainly done, though at a more distant period.

Works on a great scale have a tendency to invite an accumulation of numbers to a given spot, and probably to disappoint the greater part of them.

4th. To give low wages; this is obviously expedient, as well to diffuse the relief among greater numbers, as to prevent interference with the ordinary demand for labourers.

5th. To insist on *bonâ fide* work.

The assistance of Government will bear a proportion to the local exertions, whether in subscription or superintendence.

16*th May*, 1822.

(Signed) W. GREGORY.
W. DISNEY.
P. LA TOUCHE, jun.
T. P. LUSCOMBE.
G. RENNY.

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*Irish Relief Committee.*

Abstract of Receipts, Disbursements, and Appropriations for the Relief of Distress in the Southern and Western Provinces of Ireland.

1822—1824.

ABSTRACT of RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, and APPROPRIATIONS for the RELIEF of DISTRESS in the SOUTHERN and WESTERN PROVINCES of IRELAND.

| RECEIPTS. | £. | s. | d. | £. | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amount of Sundry Subscriptions received from the 7th May, 1822, to the 10th April, 1824, inclusive | .. | | | 272,794 | 10 | 7 |
| Amount of Subscriptions received from Calcutta | 19,563 | 13 | 0 | | | |
| Amount of Subscriptions received from Madras | 9,678 | 2 | 4 | | | |
| Amount of Subscriptions received from Bombay | 7,059 | 15 | 1 | | | |
| Amount of Subscriptions received from St. Helena | 280 | 8 | 1 | | | |
| | | | | 36,581 | 18 | 6 |
| Amount of sundry Subscriptions for Clothing | .. | | | 642 | 3 | 2 |
| Profit on Exchequer Bills | .. | | | 1,062 | 13 | 4 |
| | | | | 311,081 | 5 | 7 |
| **DISBURSEMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.** | | | | | | |
| Amount of sundry Remittances to Ireland, in Cash | 154,465 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Amount for Provisions sent to Ireland (including Potatoes, Meal, Rice, and Biscuits) | 40,401 | 14 | 10 | | | |
| Sundry Grants for Clothing | 12,303 | 5 | 4 | | | |
| To the Society for Improving the Condition of the Irish Peasantry | 12,300 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| To the British and Irish Ladies' Society for improving the Condition and promoting the Industry and Welfare of the Female Irish Peasantry | 11,300 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| For the encouragement of the Fisheries (including Loan grant of £5,000) | 7,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| In aid of the Funds of the Dublin Mansion House Committee | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| For employing the Female Peasantry of Ireland in the Straw Plait Manufacture | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| In aid of a Fund for promoting the Sale of Irish Manufactures | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| To Trustees in Ireland for the establishment of a Loan Fund Institution | 40,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| To Trustees in Ireland for the Encouragement of an improved system in the culture of Flax, according to the method practised in the Netherlands | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| To the Board of Directors (together with any balances that may accrue) for superintending the administration of the Loan Funds sent to Ireland | 6,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| To a Committee for the establishment of two Schools of Industry; one in each of the provinces of Munster and Connaught | 6,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Charge for Rooms at the City of London Tavern | 246 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| Expenses of Agents sent to Ireland | 1,435 | 3 | 11 | | | |
| Advertisements | 4,421 | 1 | 6 | | | |
| Printing and Stationery | 1,133 | 5 | 11 | | | |
| Rent of Offices, Furniture, &c. in Old Broad-street | 252 | 4 | 11 | | | |
| Discount on Bills from India, at 3 per Cent. | 247 | 9 | 3 | | | |
| Postages | 111 | 7 | 5 | | | |
| Charges of Management | 3,073 | 19 | 9 | | | |
| Miscellaneous Disbursements | 322 | 8 | 11 | | | |
| Balance transferred to the Society for Improving the Condition of the Irish Peasantry, pursuant to the Resolution of the Committee of 3rd April | 1,967 | 8 | 10 | | | |
| | | | | 311,081 | 5 | 7 |

JOHN SMITH, *Chairman.*
ROBERT PAUNCEFOTE, *Secretary.*

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*Pursuant to Treasury Letter dated February* 21, 1832.

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AN ACCOUNT, showing the manner in which the Amount was expended, which was issued in Ireland, out of the Sum of 40,000*l.* voted in the last Session of Parliament, for the Employment of the Poor and Relief of Distress in certain Districts in Ireland.

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1831, 1832.

| | | £. | *s.* | *d.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1831. | | | | |
| September 22 . | Paid to John Killaly, Civil Engineer, for carrying on public works in the western district of Ireland . . . . . | 2,000 | 0 | 0 |
| November 17 . | Ditto. . . . . | 2,000 | 0 | 0 |
| November 3. . | Paid to Gregory Haines, Deputy Commissary General, being so much advanced by him out of the Commissariat Funds to John Killaly, upon the authority of the Lord Lieutenant, for relief of the distress in the western parts of Mayo and Galway . . . . . | 4,000 | 0 | 0 |
| December 15 . | Paid to Colonel Burgoyne on account of the Commission appointed for an examination of the river Shannon . . . | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| December 22 . | Paid to Alexander Nimmo, Civil Engineer, to enable him to discharge arrears for works and salaries in the western district,— | | | |
| | Arrears . . 1,378 17 1 | | | |
| | Salaries . . 933 4 4 | 2,312 | 1 | 5 |
| | Issued in the year ended January 5, 1832 . . | 10,812 | 1 | 5 |
| 1832. | | | | |
| January 19 . . | Paid to John Killaly, Civil Engineer, for carrying on public works in the western district of Ireland . . . . . | 3,000 | 0 | 0 |
| February 23. . | Paid to the credit of the Relief Committee of the Mansion House in Dublin, in their account with the Bank of Ireland, for the relief of the poor in Dublin . . . . . | 5,000 | 0 | 0 |
| | Amount issued . . . . | 18,812 | 1 | 5 |
| | A warrant remains in office to be issued to the Commissioners of Public Works on account of the Shannon Harbour Commission . . . . . | 600 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total at this date, pursuant to warrants received from the Lord Lieutenant . . . . . | 19,412 | 1 | 5 |
| | Add, amount issued in England, notified by Treasury letter of November 21, 1831, for provision for the distressed Irish . . . . . | 16,958 | 9 | 4* |
| | | £36,370 | 0 | 9 |

* £. *s.* *d.*
15,323 16 9 to the Commissioners Victualling, for purchase and distribution of provisions.
1,634 12 7 for potatoes purchased in Jersey.
£16,958 9 4

*Vice Treasurer's Office.*
*February* 24, 1832.

JOHN SMITH.

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## REPORT on the subject of the DISTRESS experienced on the WESTERN COAST of IRELAND in the summer of 1835, and of the measures adopted by the GOVERNMENT for its relief.

DURING the month of May, 1835, representations were made to the Irish Government that distress had been produced by the failure of the potato crop in some parts of the country, particularly in the districts of Erris, in the county of Mayo, Connemara, in the county of Galway, and in some portions of the county of Kerry. To applications for pecuniary relief, the answer returned was that there were no funds applicable to the purpose, but that the Lord-Lieutenant would be happy to contribute in aid of any local subscriptions. A sum of 3000*l.* having afterwards been placed at the disposal of his Excellency by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the greater part of that sum was expended in the manner stated in the subsequent part of this Report, and in the subjoined account.

In the beginning of June the Inspectors-General of Police were directed to inquire into and report the supply of provisions throughout their respective provinces, the extent and causes of distress existing in any parts, and the amount of subscriptions entered into for its relief. Major Miller was directed to visit personally those parts of Kerry in which distress was reported to prevail; and similar instructions were given to Major Warburton with respect to the districts of Erris and Connemara, in each of which he was authorized to advance 20*l.* in aid of any local subscriptions.

The Reports received from the Inspectors-General of Leinster and Ulster were altogether favourable; and, with the exception of a part of the county of Donegal, no applications for relief were made from either of these provinces.

Major Miller, who had, in May, forwarded a report on the subject from the Sub-Inspector of Kerry, found that the distress in that county was much more severe and extensive than had previously been apprehended. It prevailed in the districts of Kenmare, Cahirciveen, Killarney, to the westward of Dingle, and in the northern parts of the Listowel district, particularly at Ballylongford and Tarbert; all of these, with the exception of Killarney, being on the sea coast. Some relief had been produced by the arrival of vessels with potatoes at Valentia, Cahirciveen, and Dingle; but the price was much higher than usual, and the local contributions for the relief of the distress very small. This state of things in Kerry had affected some of the neighbouring districts, especially the baronies of Duhallon and Bear in the county of Cork; in the former of which, however, some reduction of the price of provisions had taken place. From the returns of prices in the different counties of Munster, it appeared that the aggregate stock in the country was abundant; but there was, almost everywhere, a great want of employment.

Major Warburton reported, that not only in Erris and Connemara, but also in some districts on the coast of Clare, and in the islands in Clew and Blacksod Bays, very severe distress existed. In all these districts the high winds in the preceding autumn having cut off the luxuriant stalks of the potato, produced by the use of sea-weed and sea-sand as manure, there had been a partial failure of the crop. Generally speaking, however, poverty arising from want of employment, rather than absolute scarcity, was the principal cause of the distress. At Clifden subscriptions had been entered into, and judicious measures adopted for alleviating the evil; and the 20*l.* which Major Warburton had been authorized to contribute had been accordingly paid. In the district of Erris he deemed it right to withhold the donation, as it did not appear likely to afford any effectual relief, until arrangements were made for insuring the best distribution of the means of relief. In this district some assistance had been received from the central committee formed at Castlebar, and from the Archbishop of Tuam. In order to meet the pressing evil of want of money to purchase provisions, Major Warburton suggested some arrangement for the prompt payment of the labourers employed on public works. From his report,

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as well as from other communications, it appeared that the distress might be expected to continue until about the end of July, when the new potatoes would generally be ripe.

While these inquiries were in progress, Mr. Dombrain, Inspector-General of the Coast-guard, was authorized to purchase, and forward to some of the most distressed parts, cargoes of oatmeal and potatoes, to be sold at low prices. A sum of 500*l.* was placed in his hands for this purpose. A copy of his final report of his proceedings, and a detailed account of the cargoes sent to each place, the manner of distribution, the cost price, and the proceeds, are subjoined to this Report.

The places or districts from which applications were made for relief, with the circumstances of each case, and the mode and amount of relief afforded, will appear in the following enumeration, in geographical order, beginning from the south.

### I. *Bearhaven*, County of Cork.

1. Bearhaven, County of Cork.

An application was made from this district on the 2nd of June, by Mr. Harris and Major Broderick, magistrates of Castletown. They stated, that efforts had been made to mitigate the prevailing distress, by buying up potatoes brought from a distance, and selling them out at moderate prices; but that, notwithstanding these exertions, and the advantage derived from local subscriptions, many of the poor were obliged to eat sea-weed, and other things only used as human food in time of famine. They afterwards stated, in answer to inquiries, that the market price of potatoes had been kept down, through the exertions of the gentry, as low as 6*d.* per *weight* [21 lbs.], and that 150*l.* had been collected by subscription. On receipt of this information, 20*l.* were remitted to these gentlemen; and the scarcity being soon afterwards abated, they applied a part of that sum to the relief of a few destitute housekeepers in Castletown, and the remainder in the promotion of local industry.

Another application was made on behalf of this district, on the 27th of July, by E. Hutchins, Esq. In consequence of his representations of the state of the inhabitants, a sum of 25*l.* was remitted to the chief-constable of the district, who was directed to communicate with Mr. Hutchins's agent, and (as well as the sub-inspector of the county) to report on the state of the district. The distress having abated, Mr. Hutchins directed the money to be returned.

### 2. *Valentia*, County of Kerry.

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An application for relief was made from this island, on the 26th of May, by the rector (the Rev. George Day) and churchwardens. They stated, that there were in the parish upwards of 100 families without one week's food, or the means of purchasing it; that though the island had been accustomed to supply other parts with potatoes, there was not a single person who had one peck for sale; and that no adequate relief could be afforded by private means. The sub-inspector of police, on being referred to, stated strongly the extreme distress prevailing here. Under these circumstances, a sum of 15*l.* was sent to the rector and churchwardens; and three cargoes of potatoes (129 tons) were forwarded to Valentia by Mr. Dombrain.

### 3. *Cahirsiveen*, County of Kerry.

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On the 3rd of June, James Butler, Esq., D.L., and other magistrates, applied for an advance of the amount of the county cess, then in course of collection in the barony of Iveragh; the high prices which the people had long been paying for provisions having totally exhausted their means of meeting the demand. They were informed, that the Lord-Lieutenant had no power to comply with this demand; but a sum of 20*l.* was remitted to them, as an encouragement to local efforts. The arrival of some cargoes of potatoes at Cahirciveen, very shortly afterwards, so far reduced the price as to afford material relief.

### 4. *Dingle*, County of Kerry.

4. Dingle, County of Kerry.

A public meeting was held in this town on the 14th of May, at which it was resolved to apply to the Lord-Lieutenant for an order to appropriate to the



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relief of the poor the surplus of the money advanced to the officers of health at the period of the prevalence of cholera. The secretary of the meeting was informed that his Excellency had no power to comply with this request; and a hope was expressed that exertions would be made by the local gentry and others. The secretary stated, in reply, that application had been made to all the landlords of the barony, but that the subscriptions obtained amounted only to 8*l.** It appearing that the distress was great in this place, a sum of 15*l.* was transmitted to the applicants.

5. Ballylongford and Parish of Ahavalin, County of Kerry.

### 5. *Ballylongford*, and Parish of *Ahavalin*, County of *Kerry*.

A meeting of the landed proprietors and gentlemen of the parish of Ahavalin, was held at Ballylongford, on the 31st of May, and a subscription opened for the purchase of meal and potatoes. On application to the Lord-Lieutenant, a sum of 15*l.* was remitted to the secretary, in aid of this subscription.

6. Union of Kilmurry, County of Clare, comprising the Parishes of Kilmurry, Killofin, Killimor, Kilfidane, and Kilmacduane.

### 6. Union of *Kilmurry*, County of *Clare*, comprising the Parishes of *Kilmurry*, *Killofin*, *Killimor*, *Kilfidane*, and *Kilmacduane*.

The first application from this district was made by Mr. James O'Brien, of Dromelihy, in the parish of Kilmacduane, on the 7th of June, and supported by statements from the vicar and the parish priest. The object sought was, to obtain time for payment of the county cess. This could not be granted, but a sum of 20*l.* was remitted to Mr. O'Brien, to be applied to the relief of the poor of Kilmacduane, whose condition was described by him, and by the two clergymen, as extremely distressed; while the want of resident landlords, or wealthy inhabitants, precluded any effectual local efforts.

The 20*l.* remitted to Mr. O'Brien having been distributed in the parish of Kilmacduane, an application was made, on the 25th of July, on behalf of the other parishes of the Union, by the Rev. James Martin, the vicar, and the Rev. M. Roughan, parish priest of Kilmurry and Killofin. A local subscription of 50*l.* 14*s.* had been raised, and a sum of 100*l.* borrowed on the credit of the gentlemen of the neighbourhood, and expended in the purchase of potatoes, which had been resold at reduced prices; but these resources were now exhausted. A sum of 25*l.* was placed at the disposal of the two clergymen; and in September, upon a representation by them, that the poor had been reduced to a deplorable condition, by pawning their clothes and bedding during the scarcity of food, a further sum of 20*l.* was remitted to them.

7. Parish of Kiltoraght, County of Clare.

### 7. Parish of *Kiltoraght*, County of *Clare*.

The Rev. W. Davoren, rector of this parish, having represented that many of his parishioners were so much in want of food as to be in danger of being induced to root up their unripe potatoes, a sum of 20*l.* was remitted to him, to be applied to their relief.

8. Outerard, County of Galway.

### 8. *Outerard*, County of *Galway*.

A public meeting having been held, and a subscription commenced, an application was made by the secretary, the Rev. Dr. Kirwan. It appeared from the reports of the chief constable of the district, that great distress prevailed in the town and neighbourhood, and Major Warburton was authorized to place 25*l.* at the disposal of a local committee. This sum was expended in the purchase of two tons of oatmeal, which relieved 2019 families. On the 22nd of July, in consequence of a detailed report from the chief constable, of the circumstances of the people among whom the former relief had been distributed, a further sum of 50*l.* was placed at the disposal of the committee. It was stated that, in this place, typhus fever had followed the scarcity of food.

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* It was afterwards stated, that the Earl of Cork had given 50*l.* for the relief of the poor of this district.

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### 9. *Clifden*, and the adjacent District, County of *Galway*.

9. Clifden, and the adjacent District, County of Galway.

A subscription was opened at Clifden, on the 27th of May, and an application for aid was addressed to the Lord-Lieutenant on the following day. It was stated that potatoes, which, on the 26th, had been sold at 6*d.* per stone, were not to be obtained at any price in the town. The highest wages given to labourers were 8*d.* a-day. Many persons had been obliged to give up their employment, on a new road commenced by the Board of Works, in consequence of not receiving daily payments; but the number still seeking work was much greater than it was possible to employ. It was suggested that a second road, which was intended to be opened, should be commenced immediately. Other similar representations were made by different persons connected with this district.

It has been already stated, that a sum of 20*l.* was placed at the disposal of the local committee, through Major Warburton. Sixty-seven tons of potatoes were forwarded to Clifden by Mr. Dombrain.

On the 17th of June, the Commissioners of Public Works sent their Chief Clerk, Mr. Corneille, to Clifden, to make arrangements for facilitating the prompt payment of the labourers employed on roads in the district, and of rendering the funds at the disposal of the Board as much as possible available for the relief of the poor. The practice of the Commissioners is, to pay their labourers once in three weeks, the account of wages being previously audited in Dublin. Under ordinary circumstances, this arrangement is convenient to the labourers; but their state of destitution at this period rendered it necessary that every week's wages should be paid immediately. By arrangements with the Branch Bank at Westport, and by the accounts being audited on the spot, this object was effected as long as the necessity continued.

### 10. *Clare Island* and *Innisturk*, (off the Coast of *Mayo*.)

10. Clare Island and Innisturk, (off the Coast of Mayo.)

The distress experienced in these islands was extreme, notwithstanding the assistance afforded to them by the Central Committee for the county, and a remittance of 100*l.* from the Archbishop of Tuam. Mr. Dombrain, in a letter dated 8th July, stated as follows:—"I have just returned from a visit to Innisturk Island, and regret to inform you the distress there is very great indeed. Our men assured me they had been into every house, and that there was not 5 cwt. of potatoes, nor more than a like quantity of meal upon the whole island, to subsist 500 souls until the middle of next month." Two tons of oatmeal were distributed gratuitously at Innisturk, and a sum of 50*l.* was remitted to the Rev. James Dwyer, parish priest of the two islands.

### 11. Island of *Achill*.

11. Island of Achill.

A letter from the parish priest of this island, dated July 4th, thus describes the state of the inhabitants:—"There are more than 5000 souls in the parish, without employment, without provisions, or at present the means of procuring them; living at a distance of 20 miles, some 30, from the next market town, attempting to travel that distance to bring one stone of meal for their starving families, whilst the remainder of them flock to the shore to pick up sea-weed and shell-fish, the only sort of food now to be had in Achill." . . . . . "I am just now after finishing the distribution of nine tons of meal between 980 families, and those who were supplied with their scanty dividend only three days ago, are now surrounding me, and protesting to Heaven that they cannot prolong life for another week unless aid be sent them in the interim. Some of them have actually commenced to dig their early plots, only tilled in last March, thus utterly destroying their future prospects, and paving the way for another famine, without at present deriving any substantial relief." The request urged was, that the poor inhabitants might be employed on public works. This could not be done, but a sum of 50*l.* was remitted for their relief.

### 12. *Newport*, County of *Mayo*.

12. Newport, County of Mayo.

The suffering in this neighbourhood appears to have been intense. Some of the people were stated by the Rev. James Hughes, parish priest, to have died



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of hunger. Subscriptions to the amount of 42*l.* 10*s.* had been collected by Mr. Hughes, and some assistance had been received from London. A sum of 50*l.* was transmitted to Mr. Hughes on his application, and 45½ tons of potatoes were sent to Newport by Mr. Dombrain, and sold there.

13. Ballycroy, County of Mayo.

13. *Ballycroy*, County of *Mayo.*

An urgent application was made on the 26th of June, by the Rev. Mr. M'Dermott, parish priest, for the employment of the poor of this parish on public works. They had received some relief from the Central Committee, but had subsisted for the last fortnight chiefly on sea-weed, shell-fish, green cabbage-leaves, &c. A sum of 20*l.* was remitted to Mr. M'Dermott for their relief.

14. Belmullet, and the adjacent district, County of Mayo.

14. *Belmullet,* and the adjacent district, County of *Mayo.*

In this district the distress appears to have been from the first most severe and extensive.

A local committee was formed in June, at the suggestion of Major Warburton, for the distribution of the means of relief.

Four cargoes of potatoes, amounting to more than 143 tons, were sent by Mr. Dombrain to Belmullet, and distributed to 1600 families, the greater part being sold.

On the 16th of June, a sum of 300*l.* was placed by the Lord Lieutenant at the disposal of the Commissioners of Public Works, for the purpose of making additional roads in this district. On the following day the Commissioners sent Mr. William Owen to Belmullet, for the same purpose for which, as already stated, Mr. Corneille was at the same time sent to Clifden. Weekly payments were insured at both places by the same arrangements. A road through the peninsula of "the Mullet," which had been begun many years ago, but left unfinished, was immediately recommenced, and completed. There being several other parts of this district, in which roads, not provided for in the Parliamentary grant to the Commissioners, might with great advantage be executed, authority was given to the Board, on the 27th of July, to expend a further sum of 300*l.* As many of the works on which these sums were expended were small portions required for the completion of lines of road which had been left in an unfinished state, their situation and importance could only be shown by a map. In no instance was any work undertaken which could not be at once completed, so as to be permanently advantageous to the district. The number of persons seeking employment being far greater than could be usefully employed at once, it was found necessary, in some instances, to dismiss the labourers, and receive a new set at the end of each week.

On the 29th of June, Captain Ireland, stipendiary magistrate at Belmullet, was authorized to expend 30*l.* in relieving the most urgent cases of distress which might come under his observation, and was at the same time directed to report on the state of the district. He reported that the situation of the peasantry, particularly of the parish of Kilmore-within-the-Mullet, was "awfully distressing;" that 50 tons of oatmeal, and 100 tons of potatoes, had been imported within the last month, but that the distress was so general, that only two stone of meal, or two hundred weight of potatoes, could with safety be given to any family; that two vessels, containing 100 tons of potatoes, had just arrived from Belfast, but that previously there had been scarcely sufficient provisions in the district for two days consumption. A sum of 50*l.* was remitted to Captain Ireland, to enable him to purchase cargoes of oatmeal. The proceeds of the sale of the oatmeal so procured repaid this sum, with the exception of 7*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*

15. The North-Western part of the County of Donegal, comprising the Parishes of Templemore, Tullaghobigly Eastand West, Raymunterdony, &c.

5. The North-Western part of the County of *Donegal,* comprising the Parishes of *Templemore, Tullaghobigly East* and *West, Raymunterdony,* &c.

Applications having been made from this district for relief, several cargoes of potatoes were sent by Mr. Dombrain to Rutland and Guidore, to Ballynass, and to Lough Swilly, as stated in his account.

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A sum of 50*l.* was sent, in July, to the Rev. Hugh O'Friel, parish priest of Tullaghobigly West, and Lieutenant Penfold, R.N., the officer of the coast guard stationed at Guidore; that part of the district not having the advantage of resident gentry, or any means of meeting the distress which still continued. The whole of this sum was applied under the direction of Mr. O'Friel, in payment for labour in making roads in the parish, with the exception of 2*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*, which was given to poor persons unable to work.

Mr. Dombrain visited this district in the latter part of July, in order to ascertain the state of the inhabitants. He reported that "many hundreds were existing on half a meal a-day, and that there were hundreds of cases in which the growing crops had been pawned, to enable the unfortunate owners to obtain a temporary but immediate supply of food;"—that he had sent for a supply of oatmeal, and that two cargoes of potatoes were expected to arrive almost immediately; but that the poor had not the means of purchasing them. This obstacle, he suggested, might be removed by the immediate completion of a line of road between Mallins and Guidore, which had been commenced by the Board of Public Works. The small balance which remained unexpended, of the sum granted by Parliament for this purpose, was immediately laid out; and the Commissioners representing that the work might, with great advantage, be extended, an additional sum of 300*l.* was placed at their disposal. The road has accordingly been completed, and the district thereby permanently benefited.

Although the coming in of the new potato crop terminated, for the time, the difficulty of procuring food, the sacrifices which had been made for that purpose during the scarcity, augmented the general indigence prevailing in the western maritime districts. Captain Ireland, in a report from Belmullet, in July, stated that there were "hundreds of persons reduced to destitution, who would prefer death to exposure," and who, if privately assisted by loans, would in most cases be able to repay them by the end of the year. The Protestant and Roman Catholic clergymen of Kilmurry (*see* p. 7) strongly represented the misery to which their poor parishioners would be exposed in the winter by the want of the articles pawned to procure food.

With the view of alleviating the poverty prevailing in the western parts of Mayo, Galway, and Clare, a part of the money placed at the disposal of the Lord-Lieutenant has been applied to the formation of

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at Belmullet, Clifden, and Knock. On the suggestion of Major Warburton, 150*l.* was placed in his hands for this purpose, to which local subscriptions were to be added. Committees were appointed in the three towns for the management of the funds; and the issues commenced on the 1st of October. From the smallness of the entire amount, it was not practicable to lend more than 1*l.* to any individual. The sums lent were to be repaid, with 6*d.* in the pound interest, by weekly instalments of 1*s.* for each pound. These instalments had, in every instance, up to the end of December, been punctually paid. It being stated that great benefit had attended even this limited experiment, but that much greater advantage might be derived from lending sums from 3*l.* to 5*l.*, which might be employed by the borrowers as capital, a further sum of 200*l.* has been entrusted to Major Warburton for the augmentation of the funds.

Another object tending to diminish the permanent indigence prevailing on the coast, and for which a sum of 700*l.* has been placed at the disposal of the Commissioners of Public Works, is,—

The removal of the rocks which obstruct the Pass of Bealahangan, near the mouth of the Bay of Galway.

A reference to the Second Report of the Commissioners of Public Works, page 5, and to the plate No. 1, annexed to that Report, will show the great importance of this work, for the preservation of the lives and property of the poor people employed in the fishery of the bay, and in conveying turf to its shores for sale. This hitherto dangerous pass—the only way by which they

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could enter the bay without first, by a circuitous course, sailing into the ocean —will by this work be rendered safe and practicable every tide. A numerous class of poor and industrious people will thus be enabled, with security and facility, to obtain the means of subsistence.

T. DRUMMOND.

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Account of Money issued by Command of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to Relieve the Suffering Poor on the Western Coast, 1835.

ACCOUNT of MONEY issued by Command of the LORD LIEUTENANT of IRELAND to RELIEVE the SUFFERING POOR on the WESTERN COAST, 1835.

| Places or Districts. | To whom issued. | Amount. £. s. d. | Total. £. s. d. | Counties. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bearhaven | Henry Harris, Esq., J.P., and Major Broderick, J.P. | 20 0 0 | 20 0 0 | Cork. |
| Iveragh — Valent'a | Rev. George Day, and churchwardens | 15 0 0 | | |
| Iveragh — Cahirciveen | James Butler, Esq., D.L., and other magistrates | 20 0 0 | | |
| Dingle | Mr. J. O'Sullivan, and a Committee | 15 0 0 | | |
| Ballylongford | Mr. Thomas O'Connor, and a Committee | 15 0 0 | 65 0 0 | Kerry. |
| Union of Kilmurry — Kilmacduane | Mr. J. O'Brien | 20 0 0 | | |
| Union of Kilmurry — Kilmurry, &c. | Rev. James Martin, and Rev. M. Roughan | 25 0 0 | | |
| Union of Kilmurry — Ditto | Same parties | 20 0 0 | | |
| Kiltoraght | Rev. W. Davoren, Rector | 10 0 0 | 75 0 0 | Clare. |
| Outerard | Major Warburton, Chief Constable Royse, and a Local Committee | 25 0 0 | | |
| Ditto | Same parties | 50 0 0 | | |
| Clifden | A Local Committee | 20 0 0 | 95 0 0 | Galway. |
| Clare Island and Innisturk | Rev. James Dwyer, P.P. | 50 0 0 | | |
| Achill | Rev. Martin Conolly, P.P. | 50 0 0 | | |
| Newport | Rev. James Hughes, P.P. | 50 0 0 | | |
| Erris — Ballycroy | Rev. M. M'Dermott, P.P. | 20 0 0 | | |
| Erris — Belmullet | Capt. Ireland, Police Magistrate | 30 0 0 | | |
| Erris — Ditto | Same, to cover loss on oatmeal sold to the poor | 7 18 10 | 207 18 10 | Mayo. |
| Tullaghbigly | Rev. Hugh O'Friell, P.P., and Lieut. Penfold, R.N. | 50 0 0 | 50 0 0 | Donegal. |
| | | | 512 18 10 | |
| Remitted to Major Warburton for the establishment of Loan Funds in Erris, Cunnemara, and the western part of Clare | | .. | 350 0 0 | |
| Directed to be expended by the Board of Works in making roads near Belmullet | | 300 0 0 | | |
| Ditto, ditto | | 300 0 0 | 600 0 0 | |
| Ditto, in making roads between Mallins and Guidore, county Donegal | | .. | 300 0 0 | |
| Ditto, in removing the rocks which obstruct the Pass of Bealadangan, near the Bay of Galway | | .. | 700 0 0 | |
| Issued to Mr. Dombrain for the purchase of potatoes | | 500 0 0 | | |
| Of which he is to return | | 146 2 2 | | |
| Leaving a loss to the public of | | | 353 17 10 | |
| | | | 2816 16 8 | |

T. DRUMMOND.

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COPY of MR. DOMBRAIN'S REPORT, (referred to, p. 9.)

Sir, Coast Guard Office, Dublin, September 15, 1835.

I HAVE the honour to refer you to the directions I received from his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, to purchase and forward to certain parts of the Western Coast of Ireland provisions for the relief of the poor during the late season of distress, and for which purpose the sum of 500*l.* was entrusted to me, with directions to diffuse the benefits it was intended to convey as extensively as possible.

It will be seen by the enclosed account, that with the above sum, provisions of the value of 1360*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* were sent to the Coast, and notwithstanding the gratuitous distributions, the sales realized no less than 1015*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*; and I submit nothing can more powerfully prove the existence of very deep distress than the fact, that, notwithstanding the expenses incurred in the shipment, &c, the sales in some instances amounted to the full cost of the cargoes.

The directions at first given to me were to send off eleven cargoes. By a careful management of the funds, twenty-two cargoes were sent; and the balance now remaining to be returned to whomsoever his Excellency may direct is 146*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*; and if to this were added the value of the gratuitous distributions, the amount would have been 316*l.*

His Excellency will be pleased to observe that, after the arrival of the vessels on the Coast, no expense for storage or weighing out was incurred, the officers and men of the the Coast Guard having cheerfully undertaken all the trouble; and I trust the result will be as satisfactory to his Excellency as the diffusion of the timely relief afforded was most thankfully and gratefully acknowledged.

I have, &c.

T. Drummond, Esq. &c. &c. (Signed) J. DOMBRAIN.

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JAMES DOMBRAIN, ESQ. IN ACCOUNT.

| *Dr.* | £. | *s.* | *d.* | £. | *s.* | *d.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By cash received from Sir William Gosset . . . | | | | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| By cash received for provisions sold, as per account . . | | | | 1015 | 18 | 10 |
| | | | | £1515 | 18 | 10 |
| *Cr.* | | | | | | |
| To amount expended for purchase of provisions . . . . . | 1360 | 10 | 9 | | | |
| To expenses paid in purchasing provisions, chartering vessels, and stamps . . . | 9 | 5 | 11 | | | |
| | | | | 1369 | 16 | 8 |
| Balance due . . | | | | 146 | 2 | 2 |

Out of the above sum there is still 43*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* due by persons who were unable to pay for the provisions they purchased; but as their landlords have become answerable for it, it will be forthcoming, thus leaving the balance in hand 102*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.*

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ACCOUNT of POTATOES and MEAL sent to the WEST COAST of IRELAND, for the RELIEF of the DISTRESSED POOR, by command of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

| Place where sent. | Vessels sent. | Prime Cost of Provisions. £. | *s.* | *d.* | Distribution. Potatoes— Tons. cwts. qrs. lbs. | Amount Received. £. | *s.* | *d.* | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| . *Valentia.* For distribution by Captain John Monday, R.N. | Joseph and Mary | 92 | 3 | 6 | 39 5 1 14 sold for . . | 78 | 7 | 3 | |
| | | | | | 8 0 0 0 distributed gratuitously. | | | | |
| | Defiance . . | 89 | 16 | 11 | 42 1 2 0 sold for . . | 83 | 7 | 0 | |
| | | | | | 4 0 0 0 distributed gratuitously. | | | | |
| | Atalanta. . . | 72 | 5 | 0 | 36 2 2 0 sold for . . | 72 | 5 | 0 | |

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Account of Potatoes and Meal sent to the West coast of Ireland, &c.—*continued.*

| Place where sent. | Vessels sent. | Prime Cost of Provisions. | Distribution. | Amount Received. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Ballylongford.* For distribution by Captain Shepheard, R.N. | Waterloo . . | 54 2 0 | 27 1 0 0 sold for . . | 41 10 0 | This cargo on its arrival, was in such a heated state, though not sufficient to justify the officer in refusing it, as to oblige him to sell it at once for what it would bring. |
| | Commodore . . | 99 2 0 | 49 11 0 0 sold for . . | 26 8 5 | |
| | | £. s. d. | | £. s. d. | |
| *Clifden.* For distribution by John Andrews, Esq. | George and Ann | 67 0 0 | 30 10 0 0 sold for . . | 51 5 0 | This cargo relieved 1087 families, consisting of 5854 persons. |
| | | | 3 0 0 0 given to labourers. | | |
| *Newport.* For distribution by J. Carter, Esq., Innisturk. | Ruth . . . | 91 0 0 | 45 10 0 0 sold for . . | 74 6 0 | Authorized by Sir W. Gosset's Letter of 13th July. |
| | Chance, Revenue Cruizer. | 30 0 0 | 2 tons oatmeal distributed gratuitously. | .. | |
| | | | Potatoes— Tons. cwts. qrs. lbs. | | |
| *Belmullet.* For distribution by Lieut. J. Nugent, R.N. | Shamrock . . | 50 14 10 | 27 6 3 0 sold for . . | 35 19 9 | These cargoes relieved 1600 families. |
| | | | 0 17 0 0 distributed gratuitously, and to labourers. | | |
| | Mary Ann (Darragh, Master). | 76 9 3 | 39 9 2 14 sold for . . | 80 10 6 | |
| | | | 3 0 0 0 distributed gratuitously, and to labourers. | | |
| | Mary Ann (Finnegan, Master). | 61 4 0 | 31 6 3 0 sold for . . | 57 9 0 | |
| | | | 2 13 1 0 distributed gratuitously, and to labourers. | | |
| | Telford . . . | 78 10 6 | 30 5 1 0 sold for . . | 58 10 0 | |
| | | | 9 0 0 0 distributed gratuitously, and to labourers. | | |
| *Rutland and Guidore.* For distribution by Lieut. Penford, R.N. | Richardson . . | 62 13 0 | 31 6 2 0 sold for . . | 62 0 0 | |
| | Downshire . . | 111 14 0 | 55 17 0 0 sold for . . | 92 9 4 | |
| | Racer, Revenue Cruizer. | 15 14 6 | 7 8 2 0 sold for . . | 9 12 5 | |
| | Ditto ditto . | 86 2 0 | 6 tons meal sold for . . | 64 16 4 | |
| | | | Potatoes— Tons cwts qrs. lbs. | | |
| *Ballynass.* For distribution by Lieut. McGladdery, R.N. | Hastings, 1st cargo. | 50 6 3 | 28 15 0 0 sold for . . | 38 12 6 | Authorized by Mr. Drummond's Letter of 7th August. |
| | Ditto 2nd cargo | 45 15 8 | 26 3 1 0 part sold for . (The remainder distributed gratuitously, and given in payment for useful labour.) | 44 16 6 | |
| | Ditto 3rd cargo | 34 18 5 | 24 13 0 0 distributed gratuitously, and given in payment for useful labour. | | |
| | Shamrock, Revenue Cruizer. | 16 5 0 | 15 0 0 0 | | |
| | | | Meal— | | |
| | Racer ditto | 70 0 7 | 6 10 0 26 part sold for . (The remainder was distributed gratuitously, and given in payment for useful labour.) | 39 12 0 | |
| *Lough Swilly.* | Kite, Revenue Cruizer. | 4 13 4 | 4 tons potatoes sold for. . | 4 1 10 | |
| | | 1360 10 9 | | 1015 18 10 | |

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COPY of a LETTER from JOHN HILL, Esq., (now Sir JOHN HILL,) to the Right Hon. the CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER.

Copy of a Letter from John Hill, Esq., to the Right Hon. the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Oct. 3, 1836.

SIR, Deptford Yard, October 3, 1836.

I HAVE the honour to report to you my return to England, having terminated the special service on which you were pleased to employ me, in relieving the distress existing on the North-West Coast of Donegal; and I am happy to have it in my power, in reference to my former communications, further to inform you, that notwithstanding the alarming statements which have been made relating thereto, not one death from actual want of food came within my knowledge during the period of eight weeks I remained in the distressed districts, which may be said to lie coastwise between Killybegs on the south-west, and Dunfanaghy on the north-east, and which unfortunately do not possess a resident proprietor of any note. The principal proprietors are the Marquis of Conyngham, Colonel Conolly, M. P., and Mr. Murray of Bronghton; the two last named gentlemen I have reason to believe are likely now to be of great service in the neighbourhood of Killybegs, from the interest they are taking, more particularly the latter, in promoting the fishery, and it would be a great benefit to the country if other proprietors could be induced to take the same personally active part on other parts of the Coast, which is said to abound with fish of every kind.

I beg to observe, that in the whole line of the distressed districts there is not a market town, the nearest being Donegal and Letterkenny; and at both these places the prices of potatoes and meal have been nearly the same at this season of the year as usual, viz., from 4*d.* to 6*d.* per stone of 14 lbs. for potatoes, and from 13*l.* to 15*l.* per ton for oatmeal; but I am of opinion the real cause of the distress this season arose principally from the people overstocking themselves with cattle, and not taking the precaution of growing, or providing, a sufficient quantity of winter food for them.

The low prices offered last autumn obliged the people to drive their cattle from fair to fair in the hope of obtaining a better market, and the winter and spring proving very unfavourable and backward, they were induced, as a last resource, to feed them on the potatoes grown for their own support, and on which they mainly rely, thus producing, in a great measure, the scarcity complained of.

The inhabitants all along this part of the Coast, and in the adjacent islands, are more or less addicted to illicit distillation, and the whole of the barley, of which there is a large quantity grown, is made use of for that purpose, together with a portion of the oat crop, which, of course, diminishes their means of subsistence, and, in the face of the avowed distress, the anomaly existed, of the exportation of the latter description of grain to a considerable extent.

On my arrival in the distressed districts I found that there were no committees of relief formed by the residents to inquire into and meet the wants of the people, so that I had no means of ascertaining the extent of the distress complained of but by personal observation, and not choosing to depend upon the representations made to me by various parties, at the same time keeping in view the object of my instructions not to alarm the country by raising delusive expectations of relief, I thought it most desirable to keep as much as possible aloof, and obtain information as quietly as I could; and this I did, by constantly moving about the country, and forming my opinion of their real condition; I visited personally very many habitations in districts pointed out as being much distressed, but in very few instances did I consider the representations made to the Government, or myself, as borne out.

The people are naturally indolent, *improvident*, and unenterprising, the men appearing to me to spend half their time in attending the fairs, which are extremely numerous, and these encourage the illicit distiller, much to the detriment of their moral character, and to the no inconsiderable loss to the revenue. The women make yarn for linen, woollen stockings, flannel, and cloth, which they dispose of to buyers, who frequent the fairs for that purpose.

From my observation in 1831, in the counties of Mayo and Galway, I consider the inhabitants on the North-West Coast of Donegal live in comparative comfort to the poor of those counties, as they are better clothed and better housed.

Finding in my journey along the Coast that depôts for the sale of meal on



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Copy of a Letter from John Hill, Esq., to the Right Hon. the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Oct. 3, 1836.

Government account had already been established at six different points, under the charge of the Coast Guard, I consider it advisable to continue this practice, and after consulting with the different Protestant and Roman Catholic clergymen as to the probable quantity requisite to carry the people through the season, until the new crop of potatoes were fit for use, I made purchases at Donegal, but principally at Sligo, of meal, to the extent of about 100 tons, which were conveyed and allocated, as will be seen in reference to the accounts to be transmitted, to be sold at the rate of 13*l.* per ton, at which price it met a ready sale, and by which means I succeeded in keeping down the prices which otherwise would have been too successfully kept up by jobbers; and, in addition to the sale thus opened, I availed myself of the discretionary power placed in me, for giving gratuitous relief to a small extent, in money and meal, to the most deserving objects.

This arrangement continued in force till his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's visitation, when he was pleased to inform me, that he had directed that no more meal should be sold at the several depôts, but the remainder would be disposed of in making and repairing public roads, and in compliance with his Excellency's wishes I left the meal to be appropriated for that purpose.

I have, &c.

JOHN HILL.

The Right Hon. the Chancellor of the Exchequer,
&c. &c. &c.

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Letter from Sir J. Hill, dated October 25th, 1836.

Her Majesty's Victualling Yard, Deptford,
October 25, 1836.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to transmit to you herewith the accounts of my proceedings in the purchase and distribution, under my directions, of Oatmeal, on the occasion of my recent mission to Ireland on Secret Service, viz :—

No. 1. Allocation of Oatmeal purchased and forwarded for the relief of the distressed districts.

No. 2. An account of the Oatmeal sent into the distressed districts, showing the quantities sold, issued gratis, and the remains, with the proceeds of the sale, &c.

No. 3. My cash account, debtor and creditor, together with such vouchers as, under the peculiar circumstances, I was enabled to get.

I have, &c.,

JOHN HILL.

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ALLOCATION of OATMEAL purchased and forwarded under the directions of Sir JOHN HILL, for the Relief of DISTRESSED DISTRICTS in the NORTH WEST COAST of the COUNTY DONEGAL, August, 1836.

| Quantity. | | | | Where Purchased. | By what Conveyance forwarded. | Depôt where Lodged. | Under whose Charge. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tons. | Cwt. | qrs. | lbs. | | | | | |
| 17 | .. | .. | .. | Sligo . . . | Her Majesty's Revenue Cutters. | Dunfanaghy | Lieut. Stevens, of the Coast Guard. | |
| 15 | .. | .. | .. | Ditto . . . | Ditto . . . . . | Ballinass . | Mr. Smith, *pro tem.*; and Lieut. M'Gladery, of the Coast Guard. | |
| 18 | .. | .. | .. | Ditto . . . | Ditto . . . . . | Guidore . | Lieut. Penfold, of the Coast Guard. | |
| 12 | .. | .. | .. | Ditto . . . | Ditto . . . . . | Rutland . | Mr. Carey, of the Coast Guard. | |
| 9 | 15 | .. | .. | Ditto . . . | Her Majesty's Revenue Cutters, and by a hired vessel. | Teelin . . | Lieut. Hearle, of the Coast Guard. | |
| 16 | 5 | .. | .. | Sligo and Donegal | Her Majesty's Revenue Cutters, and by hired Carts. | Killybegs . | Mr. Gray, of the Coast Guard. | |
| 8 | 2 | .. | 18 | Donegal, and elsewhere. | By hired Carts . . | Glentis . | C. Constable Rodden, Constabulary Police. | |
| 1<br>2 | ..<br>.. | ..<br>.. | ..<br>.. | Sligo and Donegal | Her Majesty's Revenue Cutters, and by hired Carts. | Ardara . | Constable Roberts, Constabulary Police. | |
| 99 | 2 | .. | 18 | | | | | |

JOHN HILL.

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AN ACCOUNT of OATMEAL sent into the DISTRESSED DISTRICTS of the COUNTY DONEGAL, by SIR JOHN HILL, showing the Quantity Sold, Issued Gratis to the POOR, &c., and the remains, together with the Proceeds of the Sale, the Amount of the Expenses incurred thereon, and the Net Sum remaining in his Hands.

| Date | Depôt. | Quantity of Oatmeal forwarded | | | | Quantity Sold | | | | Rate per Ton. | Proceeds of the Sale. | Expenses. Freight, Carriage, Storage, &c. | Net Sum remaining in Sir John Hill's hands. | Quantity issued gratis to the Poor, &c., by order of Sir John Hill. | | | | Quantity lost, from various Causes, by Wet, Weighing in Small Quantities, &c | | | | Remains, subject to the directions of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | tons. | cwt. | qrs. | lbs. | tons. | cwt. | qrs. | lbs. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | tons. | cwt. | qrs. | lbs. | tons. | cwt. | qrs. | lbs. | tons | cwt | qrs. | lbs. |
| August, 1826 | Banlanaghy . . . | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 22 | 13 0 0 | 138 15 4 | 5 0 0 | 133 19 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 17 | | | | | 5 | 5 | 2 | 17 |
| ,, | Ballinase . . . . | 13 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 13 | .. | 122 15 2 | 4 12 10 | 118 2 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 14 | 3 | 15 | 2 | 19 |
| ,, | Guidore . . . . | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 10½ | .. | 9 16 0 | 4 17 1 | 4 18 11 | 0 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 10½ |
| ,, | Rutland . . . . | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | .. | 7 3 0 | 3 3 6 | 0 10 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | | | | | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, | Teelin . . . . | 9 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 18 | 13 0 3 and 12 0 0 | 91 3 10 | 1 13 0 | 89 8 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 19 | 2 | 12 | .. | | | |
| ,, | Killybegs . . . . | 16 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 13 | 12 0 0 | 107 15 5 | 0 14 3 | 107 0 3 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 23 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| ,, | Glentis . . . . | 9 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 7 | 11 | 3 | 24 | Different Rates. | 93 15 3 | 0 3 10 | 94 11 3 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 12 | .. | | | |
| ,, | Ardara . . . . | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 17 | 0 | 20 | 13 0 3 | 37 3 9 | 0 3 2 | 38 15 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | | | |
| | Total . . | 89 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 47 | 7 | 3 | 5½ | .. | 614 7 11 | 23 1 2 | 585 3 3 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 19 | 3 | 23 | 41 | 11 | 0 | 1½ |

JOHN HILL.

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An Account of Oatmeal sent into the Distressed Districts of the County Donegal, by Sir John Hill, showing the quantity sold, issued gratis to the Poor, &c., and the remains, together with the Proceeds of the Sale, the Amount of the Expenses incurred thereon, and the Net Sum remaining in his hand.

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## CASH ACCOUNT.

SIR JOHN HILL in ACCOUNT with The Right Hon. the LORDS of HIS MAJESTY'S TREASURY.

| Date. | *Dr.* | £. | s. | d. | Number of Voucher. | Date. | *Cr.* | £. | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1836. | | | | | | 1836. | | | | |
| July 15 | To received from A. Y. Spearman, Esq. . . | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Aug. 15 . | By paid Messrs. Rankin and Co. their first account for oatmeal . . . . | 61 | 13 | 4 |
| August | Ditto . . . . . | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 2 | Sept. 1 . . | By paid Messrs. Rankin and Co. their second account for oatmeal . . . | 31 | 0 | 0 |
| | To the net sum received from the sale of oatmeal at the several depôts (as per the foregoing account). . . . . | 585 | 6 | 9 | 3 | July & Aug. | By purchases of oatmeal for the depôt at Glentis . . . . . | 120 | 11 | 3½ |
| | | | | | | | By paid to the following clergymen, to purchase oatmeal for the poor, viz : | | | |
| | | | | | 4 | Mislaid. . | Rev. Messrs. Irwin and Mr. Glice, Dunfanaghy . . . . . | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| | | | | | 5 | .. | Rev. Messrs. Labatt and Drummond, Killybegs . . . . . | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| | | | | | 6 | .. | Rev. Messrs. Ewing and M'Dermott, Glen . . . . . | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| | | | | | 7 | .. | Rev. Messrs. Benson and Gallagher, Kilcar. . . . . | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| | | | | | 8 | .. | Rev. Mr. O'Feiel, P. P., Derrybeg . | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | By given to the poor in small sums by Sir John Hill himself . . . . | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | 9 | Sept. 15 . | By paid D. Culbertson's account for oatmeal, &c. . . . . | 1114 | 10 | 9 |
| | | | | | | | By stamp to W. Y. Spearman, Esq. . | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | | 10 | .. | By stationery, &c. . . . . | 9 | 16 | 7½ |
| | | | | | | | By postage, carriage of parcels, and money bags, &c. . . . . | 5 | 12 | 10 |
| | | | | | 11 | Aug. 22 . | By newspapers, &c.. . . . . | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| | | | | | 12 | Aug. 30 . | By freight of meal from Sligo to Teelin | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | | | July 14 & 15 | By carriage hired, to attend on the Chancellor of the Exchequer . . | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| | | | | | | July 17 . | By carriage hired at Liverpool. . . | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | July 18 & 19 | By carriage hired at Dublin, to attend on Lord Lieutenant . . . . . | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | By boat hired at various times . . . | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| | | | | | | July 26 . | By carriage hired at Sligo . . . . | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| | | | | | | Sept. 16 & 17 | By carriage hired at Dublin, to attend on Lord Lieutenant . . . . . | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | Sept. 21 . | By carriage hired, to attend on the Chancellor of the Exchequer . . . | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | By expenses for travelling from Deptford to Liverpool, Dublin, Letterkenny, Dunfanaghy, and through the distressed districts to Donegal and Sligo, and back, being 1022 miles, at 2s. per mile . . . . . | 102 | 4 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | By passage from Liverpool to Dublin and back . . . . . | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | By steward of packet, &c. . . . . | 0 | 9 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | By various journeys, for eight weeks, to examine into the state of the country, and to purchase and distribute meal, &c., being 877 miles, at 2s. per mile | 87 | 14 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | By subsisteuce for 69 days, at 30s. per day . . . . . | 103 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | By subsistence and expenses for clerk . | 96 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | 1778 | 16 | 10 |
| | | | | | | | By balance in favour of the Crown . | 806 | 9 | 11 |
| | | 2585 | 6 | 9 | | | | 2585 | 6 | 9 |

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COPY of a LETTER from CAPTAIN CHADS to the Right Hon. the CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Chads to the Right Honourable the Chancellor of the Exchequer. August 22nd, 1839.

Sir, London, August 22, 1839.

ON closing the mission you were pleased to honour me with, for the relief of the distressed districts in Ireland, and rendering the accompanying account of the disbursements, with an abstract of the places relieved, I beg to offer a few general observations.

The distress this season has been occasioned, not only by the partial failure of the potatoe crop on the west coast, but also from the violent storm on the 6th January last, which scattered and destroyed the greatest part of the fodder for the cattle. This extended to the Midland Counties, as well as to the Coast; the consequence of which was, the necessity of parting with the cattle, or feeding them on the potatoes: the latter was resorted to by most of the poor, although they had a certainty before them that ere the new crop could come in, they themselves would be destitute: thus showing a thorough want of forethought, and intelligence; and at the same time the want of influential residents to interest themselves in their welfare; to advise, to assist, and to encourage them.

It has been evident that the crop of last year, taken in a general point of view, was sufficient for the country, but required distribution, which private speculation has done; and I have avoided all interference with the markets, by the importation of provisions, (at all times an expensive and dangerous expedient,) and which, had it been resorted to, would not only have cramped individual exertion, but have thrown the responsibility of the supply of the West Coast on the Government.

The alarm of a scarcity began early; the papers published it; and it was noticed by members in the House of Commons; the effect of which was, that the more prudent kept back their stock in hand; the markets were ill supplied, and consequently prices rose to an alarming height; and I think it may be said that for the last six weeks or two months, in all the Western and Midland Counties, the potatoes have averaged 7*d.* a stone, and oatmeal 18*s.* or 19*s.* a cwt.: the former double, and the latter one-third more than the usual price at this time of the year; and yet latterly the markets have generally been well supplied.

These prices placed provisions almost out of the reach of the poor; they have parted with everything to obtain them, even their crops in the ground, upon most injurious terms; thus entailing distress for a long period.

All these evils have been gradually approaching, and must have been foreseen by all interested and possessing properties in the country; and yet, with a few honourable exceptions, no steps were taken to avert them; and this has been so long the accustomed indifference and coldness of many of the Irish landlords, that the poor do not look up to them as their natural protectors; but both landlord and tenant trust to the intervention of Government, which has, on so many former occasions, come forward to their assistance in the time of distress.

In every place I have visited I have found the poor not asking for gratuitous relief, but begging and entreating for employment, even at the very lowest rate of wages, 6*d.* and 8*d.* a-day; and from long habit it is to road-making they look, not to the improvement and cultivation of the land around them; and the landowners encouraged this, that their properties may be benefited at the public expense: and thus an unhappy season of distress to the poor, proves too frequently advantageous to the wealthy; and yet I do most confidently affirm, after having visited the most distressed districts from Bantry to Lough Swilly, that there has hardly been a single instance in which adequate relief might not have been afforded to the poor, without calling for aid from the Government; and that, in a most beneficial manner to the landlords themselves; and it was their interest to have done so, looking to their future rents only, and setting aside the imperious calls of duty, justice, and humanity.

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Thus, then, there have been vast numbers of the poor with large families, tenants of large landed proprietors, in a state almost of starvation, with provisions around them, imploring employment to enable them by their wages to support nature, with the means of profitable employment also around them; and yet they were left in some instances to pine away in misery and want, unless the Government came forward with aid. A large portion of the land-owners do not reside on, or near their properties; and, unfortunately, too many are involved, and the estates in the hands of trustees and agents, who, looking only to the present, and regardless of the future, exact to the utmost, and make not the slightest return, or think of improvements, or of the tenants: and yet, under all these unhappy circumstances, the peasantry are resigned, patient, and tranquil; and hardly an instance of an outrage, in consequence of this amount of suffering, has come to my knowledge.

On the present occasion it has been my anxious and earnest endeavour to stimulate the landlords to relieve the distress of their tenantry, by offering to meet them with sums of money for public improvements in their own parishes; and although I have named a small amount at each place, (the means placed by you at my disposal being necessarily limited,) yet the offer has not in all cases been received with approbation; in some instances great importunity was necessary; and in too many others no replies were given to the most urgent appeals: and it seems not unimportant to add, that I have found those whose means were the smallest, to be the most forward contributors; they being on the spot, and witnessing scenes of distress; from which the large landlords were spared by absence.

A recurrence of these seasons of distress, which have been almost periodical hitherto, must, I fear, be necessarily expected, so long as the present condition of the poor continues, and whilst they subsist on that species of food, which, in a year of plenty cannot be stored up for the next, which may be one of scarcity.

A very great alleviation, however, of this evil is most confidently expected from the "Poor Law" now establishing. I have conversed on this subject with persons of every class in society, from one end of the country to the other, and it is universally regarded as the promise of a great blessing:—to the poor by inducing more provident and industrious habits; and by making it the interest of the landlords to give them employment; and to all other classes, comfort and contentment, from the knowledge that the really distressed are provided for, and that the country is generally improving by the extension of employment.

Although the Poor Law may not altogether prevent these seasons of scarcity, yet they will be more generally foreseen and better guarded against; and whilst the Guardians will relieve the worst cases in the Union workhouses, they will impress upon others the necessity of making provision before the day of want arrives.

The Poor Law will also prevent further deception on these occasions, as the Government will then have certain means of obtaining accurate information; and if the necessity for its interference should occur, of being assured that its bounty will not be misapplied.

In conclusion, I beg to acquaint you that I have received every assistance from Deputy Assistant Commissary-General James Campbell, the gentleman you appointed to accompany me. He has attended to the correspondence, and grants of money, whilst I was on the tour of inquiry into the distresses; and he has in every manner conducted his duties to my entire satisfaction.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. D. CHADS, Captain Royal Navy.

The Right Hon. the Chancellor of the Exchequer,
&c. &c. &c.

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PROPOSITIONS made by CAPTAIN CHADS on the part of the Government, at places where Destitution existed.

Propositions made by Captain Chads on the part of the Government, at places where destitution existed.

1. No gratuitous relief.
2. A public meeting of the parish to be called, to enter into a subscription, the money paid.
3. At this meeting to agree upon some public local improvement, that will give most work to the poor.
4. To send a copy of their resolutions, with a list of subscriptions, and a list of landlords, who will not contribute, to the Under Secretary of State, Dublin, upon receiving which, Government will make a similar donation to that subscribed, not to exceed £ .
A Government surveyor will hereafter see that the whole amount has been expended in the above resolved improvements.

The work may give immediate employment to the poor, by setting the labourers on, when the meeting breaks up, with the money in hand from the subscriptions.

Any sum subscribed beyond that limited by Government, it has no wish to interfere with; it may be distributed in any way the meeting chooses.

(Signed) H. D. CHADS, Captain, R. N.

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ABSTRACT of the Reports of Captain Chads, Royal Navy, C.B., of the Relief granted by him, on the part of Her Tour through the most distressed Districts in Ireland,

| Places Visited. | Population. | List of Subscriptions. Amount raised before Visited. | How Applied. | List of Landowners and Others who have Contributed. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moyartar and Kilbally-owee. | 13,000 | None . . . . . | . . | Mr. Westby . . £100 0<br>Mr. James Sheddert 10 0<br>Lady Burtm . . £10 0<br>And in smaller sums 30 0<br>£150 0 |
| Kilmihill and Kilmac-duan. | 8,000 | The Rev. Mr. Kelly, P.P., expended nearly £100 of his own private funds.<br>None. | In purchasing and distributing meal to the poor and destitute; and 25*l.* of public subscriptions, in selling meal at a reduced rate, and in potatoes gratis to the poor.<br>A farmer from an adjoining parish sent 5*l.* worth of provisions to the poor. | £. s. d.<br>Nicholas Westly, Esq., London . . . . . 50 0 0<br>Messrs. Ball, Dublin . . . . . 5 0 0<br>Ralph Westropp, Esq., Semiff . . . . . 5 0 0<br>H. P. Hickman, Esq. . . . . 5 0 0<br>James Kouny, Esq. . . . . 4 0 0<br>John Bourchier, Esq. . . . . 3 0 0<br>And in smaller sums . . . . . 3 0 0<br>£75 0 0 |
| Killeresse and Danojan | 4,000 | John Andrew Kirwan, Esq., giving relief in employment.<br>None. | . . | £. s. d.<br>John Andrew Kirwan, Esq., and family . . . 56 2 6<br>Michael Joseph Browne, Esq. . . . . 26 0 0<br>Rev. Mr. Le Poer Trench . . . . . 5 0 0<br>Rev. Mr. McLoughlin, P. P. . . . . 5 5 0<br>Rev. Mr. Moran, R. C. C. . . . . 2 12 6<br>John E. Donnellan, Esq. . . . . 3 3 0<br>And in sundry smaller sums . . . . . 21 17 0<br>£126 0 0 |
| Electoral Districts of Moylough, Ballinakill, Killeloa. | 13,000 | None. | . . | . . . . |
| Glan-Dnemore . . . | 5,000 | Sir Ralph Gore £40 0<br>Ditto . . . 20 0<br>Lord Fitzgerald 50 0 | Meal purchased and distributed.<br>Employment on roads .<br>Meal purchased and distributed. | £. s. d.<br>Bartholomew Kelly, Esq. . . . . 50 0 0<br>Patrick Reilly, Esq. . . . . 50 0 0<br>John Kelly, Esq. . . . . 10 0 0<br>Those several sums appear to have been expended in *Provisions*, and given to the labourers employed in lieu of money. |
| Castlerea . . . . | 10,000 | £25 to £30 weekly . | . . | Lord Mount Sandford and Mr. Wills largely, and others, to the extent in all of 25*l.* to 30*l.* weekly, given in gratuitous relief, and lowering the market prices. |
| Ballintubber . . . . | 4,000 | £60 | In gratuitous relief to the poor, and lowering the markets. | Lord Mount Sandford £5 0<br>Mr. Wills . . . 10 0<br>Thomas F. Byrne . 2 0<br>Mr. J. Duke . . . 3 0<br>Francis Byrne . . 5 0<br>Rev. Mr. Dillon, P. P. £5 0<br>Mr. M. O'Connor . 3 0<br>And in smaller sums . 30 8<br>£72 8 |
| Kiltullagh . . . . | 8,000 | None . . . . . | . . | . . . . |
| Bashck . . . . . | 2,000 | None . . . . . | . . | . . . . |
| Bohola and Killadan . | 11,000 | None . . . . . | . . | . . . . |
| Cooy . . . . . | 9,000 | . . | . . | Mr. Lynch.<br>Lord Lertrom.<br>Lord Charlemont.<br>Provost of Trinity College. |
| Farhill . . . . . | Village. | . . | . . | . . . . |
| Killarney . . . . | 13,000 | £1,300 to £1,400 | In giving relief without employment. | Lord Kenmore, Lord Headby, and all other landed proprietors. |
| Killorglin . . . . | 12,000 | £110 | In selling meal at a reduced rate, and thus relieving to the extent of their subscriptions. | £. s. d.<br>The Ventry Property, per order of Court of Chancery . . . . . 30 0 0<br>Judge Day . . . . . 10 0 0<br>Arthur Blenherhassett, Esq., M.P. . . . . 10 0 0<br>M'Gillicuddy of the Reeks . . . . . 5 0 0<br>Hon. and Rev. William Mullins . . . . . 5 0 0<br>Rev. Edward Day, Rev. Denis Mahony, Rev. James Lewry (5*l.* each) . . . . . 15 0 0<br>&c. &c. &c. in all . . . £122 19 6 |
| Knockaoe . . . . | 11,000 | £84 | Expended in meal . . | £. s. d.<br>Sir Arthur Blennerhassett, Bart. . . . . 20 0 0<br>Richard M'Gillicuddy, Esq. . . . . 10 0 0<br>Rev. Mr. Conyers, Kean Mahony, and Daniel Mahony, Esqrs., 5*l* each . . . . . 15 0 0<br>Mrs. Conyers, sen., and Mylee Mahony (3*l.*) . . 6 0 0<br>Hon. Mrs. Mullins . . . . . 2 0 0<br>And in several smaller sums . . . . . 32 11 6<br>£85 11 6 |

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Majesty's Government, under the Authority of the Right Honourable the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when on his between the 21st June and the 13th August, 1839.

| List of Landowners, &c., who have *not* Contributed, after application to them, or their Agents. | Proposed Sum for Relief under the Government Propositions. | Amount raised to meet it. | Remitted by Government. | | Private Subscriptions and Government Money, how applied. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Donations. | According to Propositions. | | |
| Francis Fitzgerald, Esq.<br>John M'Donnell, Esq.<br>Rev. Mr. Joley.<br>Charles Wilmot Smith.<br>Hugh P. Hickman, Esq.<br>Randall Borough, Esq.<br>William Borough, Esq.<br>&c. &c. | £125 | £150 | . . | £125 | 250*l.* in making public roads, under the superintendence of Mr. Ellis, the county surveyor. | |
| Marquis of Conyngham.<br>J. Westropp, Esq., Attydin.<br>William Staulderl, Esq., Clonderelaw.<br>Francis G. Morony, Esq., Miltown Malby.<br>Miss Vandeleur, Dublin. | £50 | £75 . . | None. | £50 | 100*l.* ditto ditto | |
| Martin Blake, Esq., M.P.<br>John Blake, Esq. | £70 | £120 | . . | £70 | 140*l.*, making a road from the village of Peak to Derreen; deepening the bed of the river from Loughell to Derreen; and under the mail coach Dublin road. | A Government surveyor subsequently to see that the amount of work has been performed. |
| . . . . | £100 | . . | . . | . . | . . | No further notice taken of the Government offer. |
| None . . . . . | £100 | Only 20*l.* in money; but in provisions and with which labour was paid, to a considerable amount. | . . | £40 | 80*l.* in making public roads, &c. | A Government surveyor subsequently to see that the amount of work has been performed. |
| No returns . . . . . | £30 | . . | £30 | . . | In aid of subscriptions. | |
| No returns . . . . . | . . | . . | £10 | . . | Relief of the sick and poor most necessitous. | |
| No subscription . . . . . | . . | . . | £20 | . . | Ditto ditto | |
| Ditto . . . . . | . . | . . | £10 | . . | Ditto ditto | |
| Ditto . . . . . | . . | . . | £10 | . . | Ditto ditto | |
| . . . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | |
| . . . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | . . | |
| . . . . | Declined the Government aid. | . . | . . | . . | . . | |
| No returns . . . . . | £80 | .. | .. | .. | . . | No further notice taken of the Government proposition. |
| Henry A. Herbert, Esq.<br>Mrs. Blennerhassett,<br>Hon. Miss C. Crosbie.<br>Francis M'Gillicuddy, Tralee.<br>Rev. Denis Mahony.<br>Rev. Edward Day, Roscommon.<br>Hon. Mrs. Blennerhassett<br>— Chute, Esq., Blennerville.<br>Daniel De Coury M'Gillicuddy.<br>Rowland Blennerhassett | £80 | .. | .. | .. | . . | No further subscriptions raised to meet the Government offer. |



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| Places Visited. | Population. | List of Subscriptions. Amount raised before Visited. | How Applied. | List of Landowners and Others who have Contributed. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Castle Island | 22,000 | £233 | Meal bought and re-sold at a reduced rate. | . . . . |
| Listowel | 14,000 | £260 | Ditto ditto. | . . . . |
| Bantry | 14,000 | £148 | Meal and potatoes bought and re-sold at a reduced rate. | Lord Kenmare, a small landowner, 50*l.* of the amount raised |
| Kilcrohane | 9,000 | £113 | Ditto ditto. | . . . . |
| Skibbereen, Denmare, & other places on the Coast. | .. | Markets well supplied | . . | . . . . |
| Macroom . . Doumanway . Bandon, &c. . | .. | Markets high, but subscriptions raising to relieve distress. | . . | . . . . |
| Burrin, Clare | .. | Markets well supplied | . . | . . . . |
| Lettermore and Islands, Coast of Connemara. | 6,000 | None . . . . . | . . | . . . . |
| Tuam | 14,000 | 146*l.*; of which 25*l.* from the Bishop. | In keeping down the price of provisions. | Most Rev. Doctor M'Hale . . . . . £. 10 s. 0 d. 0<br>Directors of National Bank . . . . . 10 0 0<br>George V. Jackson and Rev. Dean Carter (5*l.*) . 10 0 0<br>John Egan, P. L. Huddleston, and Charles Bianconi, 3*l.* each . . . . . 9 0 0<br>Mr. Handcock, of Carrintrila . . . . . 28 0 10<br>And in several smaller sums . . . . . 41 5 0<br>£108 11 10 |
| Castlebar | 15,000 | £85 | No distinct account of mode of expenditure, but relief in some shape. | *Lord* Lucan . . . . . £. 20 s. 0 d. 0<br>Stephen Clair O'Malley, Esq. . . . . 5 0 0<br>Valentine O'C. Blake, Esq. . . . . 3 0 0<br>And in two smaller sums . . . . . 2 0 0<br>£30 0 0 |
| Newport (Mayo) | 12,000 | None . . . . . | . . | Marquis of Sligo . . . . . £. 33 s. 0 d. 0<br>Sir Richard O'Donnell . . . . . 33 6 0<br>T. Stuart, Esq. . . . . 5 0 0<br>Rev. G. R. Gildea . . . . . 3 0 0<br>Colonel Knox Gore . . . . . 2 0 0<br>And in smaller sums . . . . . 7 0 0<br>£83 0 0 |
| Achill Island | 5,560 | None . . . . . | . . | Sir Richard O'Donnell . . . . . £. 40 s. 0 d. 0 |
| Clifden | 6,700 | None . . . . . | . . | . . . . |
| Oughterard | 10,000 | Mr. Martin, M.P., most liberal, and Mr. St. George to some extent: and Dr. Kirwan, P. P., on his own credit, 100*l.* worth of meal, selling it at a reduced rate *on credit*, much of which he never expects. | Other landlords relieving their own tenants, in like manner; but to be re-paid. | The R. C. Bishop of Galway . . . . . £. 10 s. 0 d. 0<br>Rev. Dr. Kirwan . . . . . 5 0 0<br>£15 0 0 |
| Roundstone | .. | Mr. Martin, M.P., in labour and in kind. | . . | . . . . |
| Crossmolina Union . . 4 Parishes, viz.— Crossmolina. Aderqoole. Kilfyan. Moynaughagh. | 30,000 | None . . . . . | . . | Sir W. Palmer . . £25 0 \| W. Orme, jun. . . £5 0<br>Mervyn Pratt . . 30 0 \| Major Gardiner . . 4 0<br>Earl of Arran . . 25 0 \| Mrs. Coyne . . . 10 0<br>W. Knox Orme . . 5 0 \| Thomas Paget . . 5 0<br>W. H. Orme . . 5 0<br>W. Orme, sen. . . 10 0<br>£124 0 |
| Foxford | 6,000 | None . . . . . | . . | George V. Jackson, Esq. . . . . £10 0 |

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granted by him, on the part of Her Majesty's Government, &c.— *continued.*

| List of Landowners, &c., who have *not* Contributed, after Application to them or their Agents. | | Proposed Sum for Relief under the Government Propositions. | Amount raised to meet it. | Remitted by Government. | | Private Subscriptions and Government Money, how Applied. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Donations. | According to Propositions. | | |
| No returns | | £100 | .. | .. | .. | .. | No further notice taken of the Government offer. |
| Ditto | | £150 | .. | .. | .. | .. | Ditto ditto. |
| Ditto | | £100 | .. | £30 | .. | Relief of the sick, and in aid of private subscriptions. | |
| Ditto | | £100 | .. | £45 | .. | Ditto ditto. | |
| .... | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| .... | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| .... | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| No subscriptions | | £75 | .. | £20 | .. | Relief of the sick and infirm. | |
| Thos. O'Ferrall Caddell.<br>Lord Fitzgerald.<br>Archdeacon Warburton.<br>Stephen Roche, Rychill.<br>Major William Burke. | Michael Brown, Woodstock.<br>Rev. John O'Rorke.<br>Richard Rawson. | £100 | £108 | .. | £100 | 200*l.* in making public roads, &c. | A Government surveyor subsequently to see that the amount of work has been performed. |
| Return promised, but evaded | | £100 | £30 | .. | £50 | 80*l.* in public works under the County Surveyor. | |
| None | | £80 | £83 | .. | £80 | 160*l.* in public works under County Surveyor. | |
| None | | £40 | £40 | .. | £40 | 80*l.* in public works under Mr. Brett, County Surveyor. | |
| .... | | £50 | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| None | | £100 | None. | £35 | .. | Relief of the sick and most necessitous poor. | No subscriptions raised to meet the Government propositions. |
| .... | | .. | .. | £20 | .. | Ditto ditto. | |
| Colonel Knox.<br>John Knox, Esq.<br>— Ormby, a Minor.<br>John Walsh.<br>Lewis O'Donnell.<br>Walker Bourke.<br>Wesly Handy.<br>Rev. Richard Handy | Annesley Knox, Esq.<br>Henry T. Knox.<br>Andrew Brown.<br>Mrs. Bingham.<br>Mrs. Anderson.<br>Thos. and W. Handy.<br>Miss Handy.<br>&c. &c. | £200 | £124 | None. | 200*l.* this sum *advanced* to meet what subscriptions might be subsequently raised, in consequence of the extreme distress in the district. | 324*l.* in public works, under the superintendence of Mr. Brett, County Surveyor; to whom the Government grant of 200*l.* was specially remitted. | |
| No return—no other subscriptions. .... | | £80 | £10 | None. | 80*l. advanced* under precisely similar circumstances to the above. | 90*l.* as above. | |



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| Ballymoe Union . . 4 Parishes— Kilcroan. Ballinakill. Templetogher. Drumtemple. | 13,000 | None; but giving meal to the most wretched. | . . | Sir John Burke . £40 0 0<br>Thos. Nevil Bagot . 5 0 0<br>Joseph Burke. . 3 0 0<br>John Chewers. . 3 0 0<br>Patrick O'Beirne . 5 0 0<br>W. McDermott . 5 0 0<br>Bryan, Farrell, and Co. . . . 3 2 6<br>John Mulder . . 2 7 10<br>Jas. King, and Co. 3 0 0<br>W. R. Wills . . 2 0 0<br>And in smaller sums . . . . 14 4 2<br>£85 14 6 |
| Fuerty . . . . . | 7,000 | £90 | In meal and potatoes to the poor. | Bishop of Elphin . 10 0 0<br>W. J. McLoughlin 10 0 0<br>Edward Mitchell . 5 0 0<br>Lord Mount Sandford 3 0 0<br>Hugh Leckie . . 5 0 0<br>Robt. H. French . 5 0 0<br>Rev. Mr. Cleaver . 5 0 0<br>Rev. Mr. Flanagan 5 0 0<br>John Carson . . 4 0 0<br>And in smaller sums . . . 37 7 6<br>£81 7 6 |
| Elphin District . . . Parishes— Elphin. Shankhill. Kilmacumsey. Crowe. Aughrim. | 15,000 | £180 | In meal and potatoes to the poor. | Bishop of Elphin . £20 0<br>Dean of Elphin . . 10 0<br>O. D. J. Grace, Esq. . 10 0<br>Rev. J. Lloyd . . 10 0<br>Sir John Conroy . 10 0<br>W. French . . . 7 0<br>Jeoffry French . . 5 0<br>Sir Charles Coote . 15 10<br>Lord Lien . . . 10 0<br>Patrick Tuffy . . £6 0<br>Rev. Mr. Fahey . . 6 0<br>Arthur Crossley. . 5 0<br>John Irwin . . . 5 0<br>Thomas Stafford. . 5 0<br>And in smaller sums 68 10<br>£193 0 |
| Ballyshannon . . . | 14,000 | £120 | In meal and potatoes to the poor. | Col. Conolly . . . £70 0<br>Rev. Mr Tredennick 19 0<br>John Dickson . . 5 0<br>Peter Kelly . . . 5 0<br>Michael Lipsett . . 5 0<br>Mr. Tredennick, sen. £5 0<br>Mr. Tredennick, jun. 5 0<br>And in smaller sums 26 0<br>£146 0 |
| Belleek . . . . | 3,700 | None . . . . . | . . | None . . . . . |
| Bunerana (Lower Fahan) | 7,000 | None . . . . . | . . | Rev. Ham. Stuart . £5 0<br>Captain Roberts . . 5 0<br>S. and J. Alexander . 5 0<br>Rev. Edw. Magian . 2 12<br>Samuel Mitchell . . 2 12<br>Rev. Mr. Flanagan . 1 5<br>Rev. Mr. Doherty . £1 5<br>Doctor Huylett . . 1 5<br>And in smaller sums . 18 13<br>£42 12 |
| Dysartagay . . . . | 2,400 | None . . . . . | . . | £. s. d.<br>Rev. Edward Maginn, P. P. . . . . 2 0 0<br>Rev. Charles Flanagan, C. C. . . . . 1 0 0<br>Rev. Edward Doherty, C. C. . . . . 1 0 0<br>£4 0 0 |
| Dunfanaghy . . . . | 7,000 | None . . . . . | . . | None . . . . . |
| Tulloghobegly, East . | 7,000 | None . . . . . | . . . | None . . . . . |
| Tulloghobegly, West . | 5,000 | None; but employing labourers very largely, and selling meal under first cost. | . . . | Lord Geo. Hill and Mr. Dombain—None . . . . |
| Templecrone, Upper and Lower—14,000; and Island of Arranmore—1,500 | 15,500 | None . . . . . | A few tons of meal sold on credit, at 20s. per cwt., by the Marquis of Conyngham's agent . | No subscriptions . . . . . |
| Lettermacaward . . . | 3,500 | None . . . . . | | Ditto . . . . . |
| Glenties . . . . . | 7,000 | None . . . . . | | Ditto . . . . . |
| Ardara . . . . . | 7,000 | Major Nesbitt, Capt. Nesbitt, Rev. Mr. Drummond, P. P. | Gave considerable relief in meal gratis; and by grinding oats and selling the meal at a reduced rate. | £. s. d.<br>Mr. Murray . . 10 0 0<br>Major Nesbitt . 5 0 0<br>Rev. W. Ludge . 3 0 0<br>Rev. Mr. O'Donnell, R. C. C. . . . 1 0 0<br>Rev. Knox Barrett. £. s. d. 1 0 0<br>And in several smaller sums . . . 3 8 6<br>£23 8 6 |
| Kilbegs and Killoghter | 9,500 | Ditto . . . . . | The same relief extended to these two parishes also. | Mr. Murray . . £20 0<br>Col. Conolly . . . 20 0<br>Rev. Mr. Nesbitt . . 5 0<br>Rev. Mr. Ludge . . 5 0<br>Major Nesbitt. . . 3 0<br>Capt. Balduck . . 2 10<br>Rev. Mr. Drummond. £2 10<br>James Hamilton . . 2 10<br>And in smaller sums . 9 0<br>£69 10 |

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| John Armstrong. Bernard Dowell. Colonel Sewell. Anthony Carroll James Kenny. St. George Caulfield. Patrick O'Connor. Roderick O'Connor. — Michael Nowlan. Robert Young. Phil. Dignan, Minor. Martin Lynch. Colonel Lloyd. Mahons, Minors. John Hamilton Poyton &c. &c. | £100 | £85 | None. | £85 | £170, in public works | A Government Surveyor will subsequently see that the amount of work has been performed. |
| Patrick Curtis Esq., Dublin. P. Duignan, Esq., Roscommon. V. Waldron, Esq., Drumsna. William Dromly, England. | £75 | £89 | None. | £75 | £150, in public works | Ditto ditto |
| Lord Hartland. Major Mahon. John Baffe. Lord Crofton. Captain Conny. Thomas Conny. — Bartholomew Mahon. Colonel Lloyd. William Lloyd. George Dodwell. &c. &c. | £100 | £193 | None. | £100 | £200, in public works | Ditto ditto |
| Mr. Thos. Atkinson. Mr. Coan. Mr. Reynolds. Mr. Robert Johnston, of Kiulough. Mr. Robert Johnston, of Brookhill. — Col. Knox, Brussels. Mr. Fyollott. Mr. Delap. Col. Dixon, Fintona, a joint proprietor. Counsellor Major, Dublin. | £120 | £140 | None. | £120 | £240, in public works | Ditto ditto |
| John C. Bloomfield, Esq., non-resident. | £50 | None. | £20 | None. | Relief of the sick and most necessitous. | |
| Rev. W. Harvey. Rev. Peter Maxwell. Thomas Alexander. John Harvey. — Rev. W. D'Donnell. W. Kerr McClintock. James Kelly. | £50 | None. | £10 | None. | Ditto ditto | |
| Rev. W. Knox. Mrs. Porter. Mr. James Kelly. — Rev. W. Harvey, an absentee. Rev. Mr. McCartney, an absentee. | £25 | None. | £10 | None. | Ditto ditto | |
| No subscriptions | £50 | Declined to meet the Government propositions, as the period of relief was fast approaching. | .. | .. | .. | |
| No subscriptions | £60 | Ditto | £10 | None. | Ditto ditto | |
| Wybrant Olphert, Esq. —— Watt, Esq. Mr. Copeland. Mr. Austin. Mr. Mahon. | £45 | £150 | None. | £45 | £90 in public works, and residue of subscriptions in covering the loss on meal sold at a reduced rate. | |
| Marquis of Conyngham | £110 | None. | £10 to Arranmore. £20 to Templecrona | None. | Relief of the sick and most necessitous poor. | |
| Marquis of Conyngham | £30 | None. | .. | .. | .. | |
| Marquis of Conyngham | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| Marquis of Conyngham. Gen. Johnson. Col. Conolly. Rev. Mr. M'Garvey, P. P. | £60 | £23 | None. | £30 | £66, in making a new line of road from Ardara to Glencollumbkille. | A Government surveyor subsequently to see that the amount of work has been performed. |
| Marquis of Conyngham | £90 | £69. 10s. | .. £20 | £70 .. | £140 in public works. Relief of the sick and infirm—£10 to each parish. | Ditto ditto |

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| Donegal Town and District. | 11,000 | Lord Arran and Mr. Hamilton. | Relieve their own tenants, and also contribute to the general relief. | Earl of Arran . . £80 0<br>John Hamilton . . 15 0<br>Anthony Dvir . . 15 0<br>Surgeon Mulreany . 2 0<br>Rev. Wm. M'Cafferty 2 0<br>Wm. Rankin . . . 2 0<br>Rev. Wm. Ewing. . 3 0<br>Rev. S. Shaw . . . £1 0<br>Richard Carscadden . 2 0<br>Anthony M'Donald . 3 0<br>Rev. W. Nibloe . . 1 0<br>£126 0 |
| | | Lord Arran . . . | Also employs a great many labourers, and is most benevolent. | |
| Atymass (Ballina) . . | 3,300 | Mr. Howley . . . | Relief in meal to his own tenants. | Mr. P. C. Howley . £5 0<br>Mrs. Curtis, Dublin . 5 0 |
| | | Mr. Moore, 45*l*. . . | Expended in public works on his own property. | £10 0 For public works. |
| Hollymount, Parishes of Kilcoman and Robin. | 6,500 | Roman Catholic Clergy, and Rev. Francis Rutledge. | In relief of the poor . . | . . . . |
| | | George Rutledge and Jas. Knox Gilden, Esqrs. | Relieved their own tenants | |
| Ballaghadereen—(Union of Castlemore and Kilcolman.) | 8,400 | None. . . . . | . . | £. s. d.<br>Patrick Waldron Esq. Dublin . . . . . } 38 6 0<br>Patrick Cogan, Esq. ditto . . . . . }<br>Arthur Pugh, Esq. Killaloe, and others . . }<br>Lord Viscount Dillon . . . . . 38 6 0<br>Ditto, in labour . . . . . 20 0 0<br>£96 12 0 |
| Kilmined (Westport) . | 9,000 | None. . . . . | . . | The Rev. Giles Eyre, the rector, is the only subscriber; who adds that the Marquis of Sligo's *munificent* subscriptions at Westport, prevented his applying to his Lordship. |
| Belmullet—Erris . . | 13,000 | None. . . . . | . . | Rev. Doctor Lyons, R. C., Dean of Killaloe . . . . . |
| Kilkerrin and Cloonbrin, near Dunmore. | 7,400 | None. . . . . | . . | . . . . |
| Upper Fahan (Donegal) | .. | None. . . . . | . . | . . . . |
| Westport. . . . . | .. | None. . . . . | . . | . . . . |
| Valentia. . . . . Brandon . . . Dingle . . . | | Those several places *relieved* before Captain Chads arrived:—Government sending them large quantities of potatoes. | | |

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| Marquis of Conyngham. Chas. Johnston.<br>Thomas Brooke, Esq. Geo. Barclay, Esq.<br>Rev. J. Irvine. Mrs. Crawford.<br>Jas. Johnston. | £60 | £126 | None. | £60 | £120 in public works. | A Government surveyor subsequently to see that the amount of work has been performed. |
| .. .. .. .. | .. | .. | £10 | .. | Relief of the sick and destitute. | |
| All non-resident:—<br>John Nowlan, Esq. Patrick Kirwan, Esq.<br>Jas. French, Esq. A. E. Bowen, Esq.<br>Marquis of Sligo. Jas. Lynch, Esq.<br>Chas. Blake, Esq. Lord Glanmorris.<br>T. S. Lindsey, Esq., when resident most liberal. | .. | .. | £10 | .. | Ditto ditto | |
| Guardians of Arthur Costello.<br>Lord Ffrench.<br>Geo. French, Esq. Q. C.<br>Patrick Bulfe, Esq., Roscommon.<br>Chas. M'Dermott, Esq., Sheriff. | .. | .. | £15 | .. | Ditto ditto | |
| Lord Lucan.<br>Sir R. O'Donnell.<br>Sir Samuel O'Malley.<br>John Knox, Esq. | .. | .. | £15 | .. | Ditto ditto | |
| Major Bingham, resident; th only one . . . | .. | .. | .. | .. | . . | |
| . . . . | .. | .. | £10 | .. | Ditto ditto | |
| . . . . | .. | .. | £10 | .. | Ditto ditto | |
| . . . . | .. | .. | £20 to rector and priest. | .. | Ditto ditto | |
| | | | £420 | £1,420 | Total relief granted by Capt. Chads—in all £1,840. | |

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